**C**ombined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth



Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

### MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1st November 2023

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.

**CHAIR:** Due to the President Mary Burton unable to be present, inaugural President and last living club foundation member Ron Henderson occupied the Chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

There would not be a Guest Speaker today as it would be a "fun day" wearing hats.

Chairman Ron introduced himself as the first President of our Club which commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1989. Ron gave a brief summary of how he became President and mentioned the names of other office bearers who had served the Club in its earliest years. At the time of the inaugural meeting of our Club, there were 34 members, with 13-14 other Probus Clubs in the area. Membership quickly grew to 50 and subsequently to 80 - 90 with a waiting list. In 2013 the Club invited the Ladies to join and became a Combined Probus Club.

**APOLOGIES:** Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt, Mary Burton, Ree Dowling, Brenda Griffin, Jo Hocking, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Mary Rasmussen, Ian Rose, Bill Wallis, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins, Laurie Williams.

**VISITORS:** Ron Chidgey (second visit), Lorraine Low – Shang (second visit), Hazel Hoellmueller, Bernie Starling.

PRESENT: 48 Members, 4 Visitors. APOLOGIES: 14.

**BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER:** Col Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jaya Shah 9<sup>th</sup>, Woty Fanoy 12<sup>th</sup>, Lois Cheevers 13<sup>th</sup>, Eric Sutherland 24<sup>th</sup>, Rolf Arnoldi 29<sup>th</sup>.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4<sup>TH</sup> October 2023 be accepted.

### REPORTS: -

**SECRETARY:** – As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received since publication of Bulletin: - Email from Blue Lotus Water Garden advising their visiting season runs from 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 until 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the Secretary's Report be received. CARRIED

**TREASURER**: – The Treasurer informed the members there was no financial report today due to problems with the Bendigo Bank, for a number of days, in receiving information.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – Beryl Pakes. No speaker this month. Nelson Knight will be the speaker for February, 2024 and his subject is Antiques.

**WELFARE:** Mary Rasmussen currently is in hospital. Bev Sutherland is here today after a short stay in hospital.

**WALK:** - KEN GEORGE. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 Schwerkolt Cottage Complex – Eastlink Indigenous Art Trail. 5 people took part in the walk with 3 doing the 5 kilometre trail and 2 doing the 2 kilometre trail, followed by lunch.

BULLETIN: As published.

**OUTINGS:** Val Nixon. Coombe Cottage, Melba Estate, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.45am. \$30.00. Pay on the day. Full details in Bulletin.

DISCUSSION GROUP: The next meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November will be at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah, 12 Chippendale Terrace, Burwood east at 2.00pm. LADIES & MENS LUNCH: Kath Thompson. At Box Hill Golf Club on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. A very enjoyable lunch. Only 5 men in attendance.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon at Chirnside Park Country Club. 3 Course Seniors Meal, \$35.00. Place your name on list and indicate if you require transport. Payment to be made to Treasurer or into bank account.

WEBSITE: Doug Westcott. All up to date.

**FRIDAY COFFEE:** Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3.15pm. All welcome to attend.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: "Sausage Sizzle".

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** There being no general business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for a long morning tea.

**MORNING TEA:** Chicken sandwiches and non alcoholic wine were served at morning tea. Members also wore an amazing variety of hats they had brought to the meeting to celebrate "Melbourne Cup Season". A number of hats were judged as the best for various categories and the whole exercise was supported, enjoyed and appreciated by all the members present.

Following the long morning tea and the "hat judging" the Chairman Ron Henderson conducted an open discussion on the need to fill committee positions next year with the members. As a result of these discussions, a number of members have offered to stand for committee positions at the Annual General Meeting next March.

Following the closure of the discussion, the members were invited to participate in the annual November "Sausage Sizzle".

President. 7th February 2024

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MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 4th October 2023

**HELD:** Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.

**CHAIR:** Due to President Mary Burton being unable to be present, Past President Ree Dowling occupied the Chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

**APOLOGIES:** Cushla Appleby, Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt, Gerry Burton, Mary Burton, Nelsa Counsell, Ron Henderson, Jo Hocking, Shirley McGorlick, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Ron Needham, Sue Needham, Ian Rose, Chris Stott, Warwick Stott, Bev Sutherland, Eric Sutherland, Dorothy Thompson, Bill Wallis, Laurie Williams.

VISITORS: Ron Chidgey, Lorraine Low - Shang.

PRESENT: 43 Members, 2 Visitors. APOLOGIES: 21

**BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER:** Julie Stewart 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kath Thompson 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jurgen Ahrens 12<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Birt 13<sup>th</sup>, Shirley McGorlick 13<sup>th</sup>, Bill Wallis 16<sup>th</sup>, Nelsa Counsell 21<sup>st</sup>, Bill Moncrieff 21<sup>st</sup>, Terry Cheevers 22<sup>nd</sup>, Vic McNamara 24<sup>th</sup>, Sandra Knight 29<sup>th</sup>, Pauline Lavery 29<sup>th</sup>, Jackie Reilly 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6<sup>TH</sup> September 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

### <u>REPORTS</u>: -

**SECRETARY:** – As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received since the publication of Bulletin: - Email from PSPL advising of proposed changes to the Standard Probus Club Constitution as part of the 2023 Constitutional Review. The first part of the review is to consult with Probus Clubs in relation to the Articles of Accreditation, then provide Clubs with Model Constitutions and Model Standing Resolutions for adoption by Probus Clubs. It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Kath Thompson, the Secretary's Report be received.

**TREASURER**: – Net funds total \$2531.31. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the Treasurer's Report be received. CARRIED

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is Margaret O'Mahoney who will speak on "writing your own memoirs." There will be no Speaker next month. Nelson Knight will be the speaker for February 2024 and his subject is Antiques.

**WALK:** - KEN GEORGE. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10:00 am Schwerkolt Cottage Complex – Eastlink Indigenous Art Trail, walk 1,2,3 or 5Ks by choice, picnic tables and BBQs available.

**WELFARE:** Bev Sutherland is currently in rehabilitation after surgery.

#### BULLETIN: As published

**OUTINGS:** REE DOWLING. Lilydale Theatre, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, \$25.00. Meet at Gracious Grace Café at 6:15 pm. Payment due by 4<sup>th</sup> October.

BOX HILL TOWN HALL: KATH THOMPSON. The Tour commenced at 10:00 am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The Head Guide showed us a quilting exhibition, opened doors to allow us to view old maps of Box Hill and its surrounds, Old Box Hill Council Chamber, by sliding a wall, we viewed old maps of the area. We also took in an Art Gallery and had an enjoyable lunch.

CLUB RINGWOOD: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to Catherine Pratt for her help in running a very successful "dine out" evening at Club Ringwood.

DISCUSSION GROUP: MIKE BAMPFIELD. The next meeting on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October will be at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah, 12 Chippendale Terrace, Burwood East at 2:00 pm. The Group has friendly discussions on subjects such as the current Referendum and other topical matters of interest, which is then followed by afternoon tea.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH**: – KATH THOMPSON. Box Hill Golf Club, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 12:30 pm. Place your name on the list.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon at Chirnside Park Country Club. 3 Course Seniors Meal, \$35.00. Place your name on the list and indicate if you require transport.

WEBSITE: - Doug Westcott. All up to date.

**FRIDAY COFFEE:** – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: - Sofia's, East Burwood.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Val Nixon spoke of the proposed Melba Garden Tour to Coombe Cottage and Devonshire Tea on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Morning tea would be at 10:00 am and Garden Tour at 11.00 am. Total cost is \$30.00 per head, payable at morning tea. (No cheques accepted.) More details at the November meeting.

#### **MORNING TEA:**

Following morning tea, Beryl Pakes introduced our guest speaker Margaret O' Mahony who spoke of preparing your own "Family Memoirs" for your relatives. Margaret particularly emphasised the popularity of family history by grandchildren and great-grandchildren as it gave them knowledge and stories about those who had come before them. Her talk gave the audience "food for thought" about leaving a written heritage for our future generations. Margaret also conducts a business in helping people prepare their Family Histories.

At the conclusion of the presentation by Margaret, Beryl thanked our speaker for a most interesting talk.

Following the presentation, CHAIRPERSON REE DOWLING thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11:50 am.

President. 1st November 2023



# Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

### MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.

**CHAIR:** President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present. Mary thanked Gillian for helping with the Secretary role today.

**APOLOGIES:** Sibylle Ahrens, Jurgen Ahrens, Gerry Burton, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Brenda Griffin, John Hally, Jo Hocking, Alan Hunter, Christina Hunter, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Col Rogers, Ian Rose, Harish Shah, Jaya Shah, Chris Stott, Bill Wallis, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins.

#### VISITORS: None.

PRESENT: 41 Members, 20 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER: Terry Roche 25th, Mary Burton 28th.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Gillian George, seconded by Ken Pakes, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

**REPORTS: - SECRETARY:** – As published in the Bulletin. It was moved by Gillian George and seconded by Doug Westcott that the Secretary's Report be received. CARRIED

**TREASURER**: - Net funds total \$2531.31. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by DougWestcott, that the Treasurer's Report be received.CARRIED

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is Bev Blennehasse, speaking on the Costa Concordia. Beryl explained that Bev, who was to be next month's speaker, was able to attend as the speaker down for this month Margaret O'Mahoney was unable to attend; she will be attending next month.

**WELFARE:** Jo Hocking has had a fall and is in Hospital, I am not sure which one currently. Gerry Burton is sick at home.

#### BULLETIN: As published

DISCUSSION GROUP: – Venue changed for next meeting only, to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Mike Bampfield's home 1/9 Rolls Court Glen Waverley.

**OUTINGS:** – Box Hill Town Hall – Tour and Morning Tea, Wednesday 13/9/23 Kath will now be taking over this as Mary is unable to attend.

Lilydale Theatre – "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (in 97 minutes), A Comedy, on Thursday 14th September at 7.30 pm. Pre-Theatre Dinner option at Gracious Grace Café 6.15 pm. All details, please see Ree Dowling for details.

Ree also shared details of a show called `Fracking! A Black Comedy!!! On 23/11, also at the Lilydale theatre, Ree has details if members are interested in attending this show. The Bulletin has details of cost and further show details.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH**: – Kath has organised this for the Box Hill Golf Club 25/10 please put your names on the list if you are interested in attending.

**DINE OUT:** – "Club Ringwood", 523-535 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, (Corner Oban Road) a La Carte Menu, Wednesday 27th September. Details in September Bulletin. Catherine Pratt will be marking names off at the door for this event as Ree is unable to attend.

WEBSITE: - Doug Westcott. All are up to date.

**WALKS:** - Ken George has volunteered to do the next walk, and this will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October, route to be advised.

**FRIDAY COFFEE:** – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: - Sausage Sizzle here at the centre.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** There being no general business, the President explained her Trivia of the Month that was in the Bulletin re the fact that the moon has moonquakes and explained how this happens. She then adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, Beryl Pakes introduced our guest Bev Blennenhasse, who spoke on the Costa Concordia, a ship that ran aground in Italy. Bev spoke on the ship and what happened with the crew and passengers after the ship started to sink.

At the conclusion of the presentation by Bev, Beryl thanked our speaker. The President then thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.55 am.

President 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023



# Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 2nd August 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

CHAIR: President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present. APOLOGIES: Cushla Appleby, Keith Booth, Gerry Burton, Ree Dowling, Woty Fanoy, Brenda Griffin, Jo Hocking, Alan Hunter, Mary Rasmussen, Jacqui Reilly, Jan Roche, Terry Roche, Ian Rose.

VISITORS: None.

PRESENT: 55 Members, 13 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST: Ken Pakes 4<sup>th</sup>, Laurie Williams 19<sup>th</sup>, Jo Hocking 24<sup>th</sup>.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th July 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

REPORTS: -

SECRETARY – As published in the Bulletin.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Warwick Stott; the Secretary's Report be received CARRIED

TREASURER – Net funds total \$3,466.10. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Kath Thompson, the Treasurer's Report be received.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is Martin Semken who is a landscape gardener of note. Next month will be author Margaret O'Mahony who will speak on "writing your own memoirs".

WELFARE – Mary Burton. Sue Needham is at the meeting today after her recent surgery. Ree Dowling is having a medical procedure today, and Gerry Burton is currently in Knox Hospital

BULLETIN – As published.

DISCUSSION GROUP – Bill Wallis. The next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August, at 2.00 pm at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah, 12 Chippendale Tce, Burwood East.

OUTINGS – Mary Burton. Box Hill Town Hall – Tour and Morning Tea, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 am. Cost \$17.95.

Lilydale Theatre – "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (in 97 minutes), A Comedy, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. Pre-Theatre Dinner option at Gracious Grace Café 6.15 pm. All details were published in August Bulletin.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson. Sweet Lime Café, 1/630 Mitcham Road, Mitcham, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 12.30 pm.

DINE OUT – "CLUB RINGWOOD", 523-535 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, (Corner Oban Road) A La Carte Menu, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Details in August Bulletin.

WEBSITE - Doug Westcott. All up to date.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3.15 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH - Wantirna Hill Club, 715 Boronia Road, Wantirna.

GENERAL BUSINESS: There being no general business, the President adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, Beryl Pakes introduced our guest speaker - Landscape Gardener Martin Semken. Martin informed the members how he and a team had exhibited their creative work at the Chelsea Flower Show for a number of years. He supported his talk with slides of the various exhibits including his meeting the late Queen Elizabeth at one of the Chelsea Flower Shows. He explained the difficulties in raising funds to create, build and show the exhibits and the hard work to put them together for an exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show. It was a most interesting and informative presentation.

At the conclusion of the presentation by Martin, the President thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11:55 am.

President 06/09/2023



# **Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.** No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

CHAIR: President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:05 am and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES: Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Cushla Appleby, Keith Booth, Ree Dowling, Woty Fanoy Fran Frost, Jo Hocking, Glen Knight, Sandra Knight, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Ron Needham, Sue Needham, Peter Rasmussen, Jacqui Reilly, Jan Roche, Terry Roche, Col Rogers, Ian Rose, Bev Sutherland, Bill Wallis, Joyce Wickins.

VISITORS: Max Collins, Monika Emerson, Michael Emerson, Greg Foster, Ramiss Nalayan, Michael Sheahan.

PRESENT: 45 Members, 6 Visitors, 23 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS: JULY: Bruna Rosaia 5<sup>th</sup>, Keith Wickins 5<sup>th</sup>, Alan Hunter 8<sup>th</sup>, Beryl Pakes 13<sup>th</sup>, Doug Westcott 23rd, Chris Stott 28<sup>th</sup>, Jan Roche 29<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT: Mary Burton informed members there would be an item "Trivia for the Month" published in the bulletin. This month is "Did you know that cats once delivered mail in Belgium". In 1870, 37 cats with mail attached to their collars, delivered mail to a village. One cat took at least 5 hours to complete the delivery.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th June 2023 be accepted.

**REPORTS:-**

SECRETARY – As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received since the publication of Bulletin: - Caldermeade Farm are holding "Morning Melodies on Tuesdays in July. Our Club is attending same on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Invitation from the City of Whitehorse for the secretary and one other to represent our Club at the Whitehorse Community Dinner on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Box Hill Town Hall.

We have received the Certificate of Currency from 30/06/2023 to 30/06/2024 in respect of Public Liability Insurance cover for personal liability and property damage.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Kath Thompson, the Secretary's Report be received.

CARRIED

TREASURER – Net funds total \$3,430.68. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Trish Clifton, that the Treasurer's Report be received.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is our Club member Harish Shah who will talk about the Indian National Army in World War II and in opposing British rule in India after World War II.

WELFARE: Mary Burton. Sue Needham is home after surgery and 2 weeks in hospital. Peter Rasmussen is in permanent care at Regis, 40 Centre Road, Blackburn.

BULLETIN: As published

DISCUSSION GROUP: Next meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00 pm at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah.

OUTINGS - Mary Burton.

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30 pm.

Christmas in July at Caldermeade Farm, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30 am, 2 course meal, \$21.95. Pay on arrival.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson. Sweet Lime Café, 1/630 Mitcham Road, Mitcham, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

WEBSITE – Doug Westcott. All up to date.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3:15 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH – Knox Club, 480 Boronia Road, Wantirna South.

GENERAL BUSINESS: There being no general business, the President adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, Club member Harish Shah spoke of the formation of the Indian National Army known as "I N A". Harish had produced a sheet that was included in the July Bulletin being a prelude to his talk and referred to 1942 and the fall of Singapore to the Japanese Army. He followed this up with short films of how the Indian soldiers, who were captured in the surrender of Singapore, eventually worked their way home to India and were instrumental in helping the Indians obtain independence from Britain by driving the British Occupational Army out of India. Most of the audience did not know of the existence or exploits of the I N A.

At the conclusion of the excellent presentation given by Harish, the President thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:05 pm.

President 02/08/2023

### Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T



MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

CHAIR: President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES: Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Keith Booth, Gwenda Davey, Woty Fanoy, Fran Frost, Jo Hocking, Alan Hunter, Christina Hunter, Glen Knight, Sandra Knight, Shirley McGorlick, Peter Rasmussen, Jacqui Reilly, Jan Roche, Terry Roche, Ian Rose, Chris Stott, Kath Thompson.

VISITORS: Rod Higgins.

PRESENT: 48 Members, 1 Visitor, 19 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS: JUNE: Mike Bampfield 13<sup>th</sup>, Fred Catlin 14<sup>th</sup>, Ken George 19<sup>th</sup>, Bob Grierson 20<sup>th</sup>, Nelson Knight 20<sup>th</sup>, Glen Knight 23<sup>rd</sup>, Gilly George 24<sup>th</sup>, Ken Hawthorne 26<sup>th</sup>, Stephen Clifton 30<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT Mary Burton informed the meeting she had received an acknowledgement from "Angel Flights" who were represented by Carmel Martin as our guest speaker at the February monthly meeting.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Beryl Pakes, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3rd May 2023 be accepted.

**REPORTS: -**

SECRETARY – As published in the Bulletin.

It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the Secretary's Report be received. CARRIED

TREASURER – Net funds total \$3,245.68. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Trish Clifton, that the Treasurer's Report be received.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is Vonda Fenwick, recently retired CEO of South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance known as SEMMA.

WELFARE – Ree Dowling. Peter Rasmussen currently is in Peter James. The Committee discussed the need for air purification for monthly meetings at their committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Ree and John Hally met Amal, Manager of Halls in Whitehorse, at the Horticultural Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> May by appointment. We were informed Council may consider a grant for a free-standing Air Purifier to assist the airflow rather than have the doors remain open during meetings. Ree and John have inspected various models at Harvey Norman and The Good Guys, and we shall need a unit to service approx. 90 cu metres. An application to Whitehorse will be made in due course.

Ree also mentioned Amal had supplied permanent connection cords for the fixed Television screen at the Horticultural Centre.

BULLETIN - As published.

OUTINGS – Mary Burton. Christmas in July at Caldermeade Farm, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2 course meal \$21.95. Pay on arrival.

DISCUSSION GROUP – Bill Wallis. As per the bulletin.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Blackburn Hotel, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

WEBSITE – Doug Westcott. All up to date.

GOLF – Waverley Golf Course each Friday, 9.30 am. More players wanted.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3.15 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH – Waverley RSL, 161 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley.

GENERAL BUSINESS: There being no general business, the President adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, Beryl Pakes introduced guest Speaker, Vonda Fenwick who gave an interesting talk about South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance which assists member businesses in developing innovative and sustainable manufacturing and provides a voice and participation in decision-making. Vonda supported her presentation with pertinent slides and short film snips.

Following the very interesting presentation, the Chairperson thanked the members for their participation and closed the meeting at 12 noon.

President 05/07/2023

### Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc. No.58109 Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 3rd May 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

CHAIR: President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

VALE: The President asked all present to stand for one minute silence in tribute to two members who died recently:-

Bill Jackson who died on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Bill joined our Club on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1998 and served as president from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

Stan Moore who died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Stan joined our Club on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1989.

APOLOGIES: Dennis Birt, Gerry Burton, Woty Fanoy, Jo Hocking, Glen Knight, Sandra Knight, Mike McGorlick, Shirley McGorlick, Ron Needham, Sue Needham, Peter Rasmussen, Jackie Reilly, Ian Rose, Kath Thompson, Dot Thompson.

VISITORS: Judith Clark, Lindsay Clark (1<sup>st</sup> Visit), Anthea Herbert. (1<sup>st</sup> Visit).

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: The President invited Sibylle and Jurgen Ahrens to come forward and be inducted as new members of our Probus Club. Sibylle and Jurgen, who reside in Burwood East, were presented with copies of the constitution, and name badges and were welcomed as members of the Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South.

PRESENT: 49 Members, 3 Visitors, 15 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY: Ron Rivett 3rd, Sue Needham 4th, Vin White 4th,

Graeme Brookes 6<sup>th</sup>, Lorna Moncrieff 13<sup>th</sup>, Rod Needham 16<sup>th</sup>, Denis Hawthorne 26<sup>th</sup>, Keith Booth 29<sup>th</sup>, Mary Rasmussen 30<sup>th</sup>.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Beryl Pakes, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on  $5^{TH}$  April 2023 be accepted. CARRIED REPORTS:-

SECRETARY – As published in the Bulletin.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Col Rogers, the Secretary's Report be received.

TREASURER – Net funds total \$3,382.98. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Doug Westcott, the Treasurer's Report be received.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is Colin Neave.

WELFARE – Ree Dowling. We shall enquire about the ventilation of the building in order to minimize any potential effects of covid for this coming winter.

BULLETIN - As published.

OUTINGS – Switzerland- Play at Lilydale Theatre, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm, preceded by dinner at Lilydale. Tickets for further bookings will be in a similar area to those tickets already booked.

DISCUSSION GROUP – Bill Wallis. As per the bulletin.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Blackburn Hotel, Wednesday 28th June.

DINE OUT – Ree Dowling. Oggi Restaurant, I Lakeside Drive, East Burwood.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 6 pm. (meal orders from 6.15pm.) A La Carte, Bar access.

WEBSITE – Doug Westcott. All up to date.

GOLF – Waverley Golf Course each Friday, 9.30 am. More players wanted.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3.15 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH – Sofia's Restaurant, 299 Burwood Highway, East Burwood. 20 members have indicated they will attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS: There being no general business, the President adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, Beryl Pakes introduced guest Speaker Colin Neave who gave an interesting talk about his career which commenced as a lawyer in private practice, followed by working in State and Federal Public Services in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Canberra. Colin retired from work in 2021 and is now a keen golfer.

Following the conclusion of the talk and there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked the members for their participation and closed the meeting at 12 noon.

President 07/06/2023

### Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc.



No.58109 Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 5th April 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

CHAIR: As President Mary Burton was visiting family in England, Past President Ree Dowling occupied the chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES: Mike Bampfield, Gerry Burton, Mary Burton, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Gwenda Davey, Nancy Greenslade, Bob Grierson, Jo Hocking, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Val Nixon, Mary Rasmussen, Peter Rasmussen, Jackie Reilly, Bruna Rosaia, Ian Rose, Chris Stott, Warwick Stott, Bill Wallis, Keith Wickins, Laurie Williams

VISITORS: Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens.(2<sup>ND</sup> visit) Jim Ducrow, Wendy Ducrow. (1<sup>ST</sup> visit)

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: The President invited Rod and Sue Needham to come forward and be inducted as new members of our Probus Club. Rod and Sue who reside in Forest Hill, were presented with copies of the constitution, name badges and were welcomed as members of Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South.

PRESENT: 42 Members, 4 Visitors, 22 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS: APRIL: Trish Hogan 13<sup>th</sup>, Gerry Burton 20<sup>th</sup>.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Ron Henderson, the minutes of monthly meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be accepted.

REPORTS:-

SECRETARY – As per Bulletin.

Correspondence received:- "Legends of Brass" concerts for 2023. Brochures available.

3 Concerts in coming months:-

"CENTRE STAGE" Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Doncaster Secondary College

"LLLs CONCERT" Friday 23rd June at Greensborough

"THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS" Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at The Ivanhoe Centre. Brochures available.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Kath Thompson, the Secretary's Report be received.

CARRIED

TREASURER – As the Treasurer was an apology, there was no report at the meeting. Subsequently, I have been advised net funds as of 05/04/2023 totalled \$3,201-83.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker today would be Lorraine Smith who had written a book about a manuscript that had been found in a copy of "Alice in Wonderland". The speaker for next month will be Colin Neave.

WELFARE – Ree Dowling. Jackie Reilly is managing at present.

BULLETIN - As published.

DISCUSSION GROUP: Current Affairs is now known as "Discussion Group" and is at the home of Jaya and Harish Shah. More people are welcome to attend. Coffee provided. Information in Bulletin.

OUTINGS – Ree Dowling. Heide Museum, 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Payment of \$34-00 by 12<sup>th</sup> April into Bendigo Bank.

Lilydale Theatre, 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. "Switzerland" Pay \$22 (discount) into the Club's bank account by 2<sup>th</sup> April. LADIES' AND MEN'S LUNCH – Kath Thompson. Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station Street, Box Hill South, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.

DINE OUT – Ree Dowling. Persian Flavours, Forest Hill on 22<sup>nd</sup> March last was very enjoyable. However, due to patrons arriving at different times, the waiting time for service was long. In future orders for meals should be placed 15 minutes after advertised arrival time.

The next dine out will be at CAFÉ OGGI, 1 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6pm.

WEBSITE – Doug Westcott. Up to date. We now have a screen monitor of notices and events being shown on the overhead screen during the meeting.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, level 2, Forest Hill Chase, Fridays 3.00pm.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** 

There being no general business, the President adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, where members were treated to a pleasant surprise of hot cross buns with coffee and tea, supplied by Member Services Officer Kath Thompson, Beryl Pakes introduced the Guest Speaker, author Lorraine Smith who has written a book about an old manuscript found in a copy of "Alice In Wonderland". The manuscript, which was written about the year 1586, actually referred to the ownership of a piece of land in England. Lorraine gave a very humorous presentation of her years of research to have the document translated and obtain information about the persons who have owned the land over almost 500 years. Her performance was very much appreciated by the members.

Following the conclusion of the talk and there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked the members for their participation and closed the meeting at 12 noon.

President 03/05/2023



## **Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc.** No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1st March 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131. CHAIR: President Ree Dowling opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES: Jenny Birt, Woty Fanoy, Denis Hawthorne, Kath Hawthorne, Jo Hocking, Peter Rasmussen, Jackie Reilly, Bruna Rosaia, Ian Rose, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins, Laurie Williams

VISITORS: Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Judith Clark, Lindsay Clark, Ron Needham, Sue Needham.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: The President invited Jan and Terry Roche to step forward and be inducted as new members of our Probus Club. Jan and Terry, who reside in Blackburn South, were presented with copies of the constitution, Name badges and were welcomed as members of Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South.

PRESENT: 48 Members, 6 Visitors, 12 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS: MARCH : Brenda Griffin 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter Rasmussen 14<sup>th</sup>, Val Nixon 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nancy Greenslade 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bev Sutherland 29<sup>th</sup>.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Mary Rasmussen, the minutes of monthly meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 be accepted. CARRIED REPORTS:-

SECRETARY – As per Bulletin. Correspondence received:- Probus South Pacific advising capitation fees per member for this year were \$16.75. Consumer affairs Annual Return to be lodged by 31/07/2023. City of Whitehorse – Application for discount for hire of premises had been approved, providing for 90% discount of normal monthly rent.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Kath Thompson, the Secretary's Report be received. CARRIED

TREASURER – No report this month as there was no change since preparation of Annual Accounts & Balance Sheet, which would be presented at AGM following the closure of this meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. There will be no speaker today due to Annual general Meeting. In April, the speaker would be Lorraine Smith who had written about the manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland". There was no speaker for May at this stage. June would be a representative from South Eastern Manufacturing which is a not-for-profit organization. In July our club member Harish Shah will be the speaker.

WELFARE – The President reported Valerie Danks was now in care at Blue Cross, Croydon.

BULLETIN – As published.

OUTINGS – Mary Rasmussen thanked those who attended the Picnic at Simpsons Park, Cochrane St. Mitcham on 22/02/2023.

BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDEN, 2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction. Wednesday,8<sup>th</sup> March. Travel by cars. Arrive 11.AM. Picnic lunch \$34.00 Payment due today.

HEIDE MUSEUM of CONTEMPORY ART, Bulleen – Ree Dowling. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am, meet for coffee. Guided Tour at 10.30am. \$34.00. Lunch can be booked separately.

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP – Bill Wallis announced a new venue for the discussion group at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah. Those members interested in taking part were asked to meet at morning tea to discuss arrangements.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson. Box Hill Golf Club, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30pm.

DINE OUT – Ree Dowling. PERSIAN FLAVOURS, 338 Springvale Road, Forest Hill. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. March 2023. 6PM. Menu – A LA CARTE- BYO. Parking in Springvale Road, and Canterbury Road sideroad.

WEBSITE - Doug Westcott. Up to date.

TOURS – Gippsland Tour 24 – 28 April was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, level 2, Forest Hill Chase, Fridays 3.00pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The President asked members:-

1. To check the published Rosters due to changes.

A Booklet of Duties for volunteers had been published entitled:-MONTHLY MEETING VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES"

Please place your name on one copy.

2. Photo sheets of members are available.

3. Donation Box for "Angel Flights" for members who wish to contribute.

4. Please enter medical details on back of your name badge.

5. Thanked the Management Committee and members for the roles they played in assisting the running of all Club activities.

6. Thanked Doug Westcott for his work in developing the website and visual aids at the meetings and for the layout of the Volunteers Guide.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting for morning tea and then the Annual general Meeting.

President 05/04/2023

Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

No.58109

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st March, 2023 at Whitehorse Horticultural Centre 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.

Welcome: At 11:00am President Ree Dowling opened the Annual General Meeting and welcomed the members present.

<u>TRIBUTE</u>: The President asked Ron Henderson to come forward. President Ree Dowling informed the meeting that Ron Henderson was the last surviving foundation member of our Club which held its first meeting at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 1989. Ron also was the inaugural President of the Club and had served on the Committee on four occasions. The meeting duly congratulated Ron for his service.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>: There were 48 members in attendance, 6 visitors and 12 apologies

<u>MINUTES:</u> The Secretary tabled minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 2nd March, 2022. It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the minutes, as tabled, be accepted. Carried.

<u>ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:</u> The President asked the Secretary to read out the written nominations received for Management Committee for 2023–2024:-

Officers of the Club:

President: Mary Burton, Past President: Ree Dowling, Treasurer: Bob Grierson,

Committee Members:

Bulletin Editor: Nelsa Counsell, Club Services Co-Ordinator: Kath Thompson,

Speakers Organiser: Beryl Pakes

As at the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, no nominations had been received for the following positions:-

Officers of the Club: Vice President, Secretary.

<u>Committee Members</u>: Member Liaison Officer, Tour Organiser, Outings Co-Ordinator, Publicity Officer.

As there were no further nominations received for these positions, the Chairperson declared the above nominees duly elected as The Officers and Management Committee for year 2023 – 2024.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>: The Treasurer presented the audited Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 which showed a surplus for the year of \$212-92. The current bank balance as at 31/01/23 is credit \$2,096.41.

The Budget for this coming year provides for a surplus of \$585-00. The Committee has recommended the current annual subscription per member for financial year 2023 – 2024 remain at the current amount of \$45-00.

It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Ron Henderson The Financial Report for year ended 31/01/2023 and the Budget for year to 31/01/2024, be accepted. Carried.

It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Ken Pakes, the annual subscription for 2023-2024 remain at \$45-00 per member. Carried

<u>AUDITOR:</u> It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Mary Rasmussen, Denis Hawthorne be appointed auditor for year 2023 – 2024. Carried

<u>2022 - 2023 AUDIT</u>: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Bob Grierson, a vote of thanks be extended to Denis Hawthorne for his services as Honorary Auditor for the Club for financial year 2022 – 2023 Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Bank Signatories – In accordance with Clause 8 (d) of the Constitution, cheques in payment of accounts shall be signed by authorized signatories who shall be any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

The Secretary advised the meeting he had both spoken and written to PSPL last September about altering the Constitution to provide for "electronic banking practices" in the Constitution.

The Commonwealth Bank now has informed customers it will no longer provide new cheque books as from June, 2023 and all Banks are sure to follow. It was reported from the floor, Bendigo Bank was providing electronic banking where two authorized persons could confirm each electronic transaction by computer or mobile phone. As our Club was a client of Bendigo Bank it was decided the treasurer and secretary approach The Bendigo Bank and investigate electronic banking for use by the Club.

<u>FINALE</u>: The President presented the "Chain of Office" to the incoming President, Mary Burton, wished her every success for the coming Probus Year and presented her to the members.

There being no further business, the President thanked the members for their attendance and participation, invited them to the "Sausage Sizzle BBQ Lunch, and closed the meeting at 11.25am.

President 06 / 03 / 2024

### COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH

### BALANCE SHEET AS 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023

2022	CURRENT ASSETS	2023
1,066.45	Commonwealth Bank A/c	627.61
929.04	Bendigo Bank A/c	1,469.80
2.040.40		-= 2,096.41
2,040.49		2,090.41
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
157.00	o/s cheques	-
1,883.49		2,096.41
	CASH AT BANK	
	Balance 31/1/22	1,883.49
	Surplus – year ended 31/1/23	212.92
	Balance 31/1/23	2,096.41

### COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH

	Statement of Income and Expenditure for	the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023
2022	RECEIPTS	2023
	Subscriptions :	
10.00	Joining Fees	100.00
1,035.00	Membership Fees	325 <u>9.50</u>
1,045.00		3,359.50
	Club Activities :	
2,050.00	Christmas Lunch	1,570.00
2,755.00	Day Trips and functions	4,199.40
	Other Receipts :	
0.27	Bank Interest	0.23
172.60	Sponsorship and Donations	143.00
	Sundry	
6,022.87	TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,272.13
	PAYMENTS	
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1,170.00	PSPL – Capitation Fees	1,065.00
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-	Refund of dues	45.00
	Club Activities :	
2,260.00	Christmas Lunch	2,150.00
184.40	Club BBQ's	295.47
2,595.00	Day Trips and Functions	3,807.25
	Refunds - cancelled functions	424.50
	General Expenses :	
514.21	Admin	1,056.34
90.00	Club Bulletin	
	Website Hosting	
229.50	Hall Hire	93.60
12.00	Morning Teas	35.10
97.00	Speaker Presentations	86.95
371.00	Floral Tributes	
-	Sundry	e.
7,679.11	TOTAL PAYMENTS	9.059.21
(1,656.24)-	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	212.92
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Treasurer

Auditor

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## Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

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MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1st February 2023.

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

CHAIR: President Ree Dowling opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

VALE: The President asked members to stand for one minute in tribute to recently deceased member Vic Stewart who died on 23/01/2023. Vic joined our Probus Club on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1998 and served as President from 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

APOLOGIES: Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt, Keith Booth, Mary Burton, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Woty Fanoy, Jo Glasson, Brenda Griffin, Joe Hocking, Christina Hunter, Phil Jean, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Peter Rasmussen, Jackie Reilly, Bruna Rosaia, Ian Rose, Colin Sando.

VISITORS: Paula Bray, Jan Roche, Terry Roche.

PRESENT: 45 Members, 3 Visitors, 19 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS: FEBRUARY: Dot Browne 6<sup>th</sup>, Trish Clifton 6<sup>th</sup>, Colleen Jackson 9<sup>th</sup>, Dot Farr 10<sup>th</sup>, Jenny Birt 12<sup>th</sup>, Beryl Marston 14<sup>th</sup>, Harish Shah 14<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Wickins 15<sup>th</sup>, Gwenda Davey 18<sup>th</sup>, John Hally 19<sup>th</sup>, Mike McGorlick 20<sup>th</sup>.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the minutes of monthly meeting held on 2nd November 2022 be accepted. CARRIED

**REPORTS:-**

SECRETARY – As per Bulletin. An email from Corporate affairs Victoria advising requirement for our Club to lodge Annual Return including Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and list of Office Bearers for Probus Financial year, 01/02/2023 – 31/01/2024. It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Nelson Knight the Secretary's Report be received.

THE PRESIDENT appealed to members to consider standing for positions on the Committee at the Annual General Meeting next month. They would be well supported by outgoing committee members, and job descriptions could be made available.

TREASURER – Total funds \$2,097.41, outstanding cheques \$606.20, net funds available \$1491.21.

It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Kath Thompson, the Treasurer's Report be received. CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes announced the guest speaker today was Carmel Martin from "Angel Flights".

WELFARE – The President reported Peter Rasmussen was still in care. Bruna Rosaia had fractured both her wrists in a fall.

BULLETIN – As published.

OUTINGS – Mary Rasmussen: - Picnic at Simpsons Park, Cochrane St. Mitcham Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 12 noon. BYO food, drink, chair, sun hat.

Blue Lotus Water Garden, 2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction. Wednesday,8<sup>th</sup> March. Travel by car. Arrive 11:00 am. Picnic lunch \$34.00 Payment due 1<sup>st</sup> March. Place your name on the list.

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP - No report this month.

DINE OUT – Ree Dowling. PERSIAN FLAVOURS, 338 Springvale Road, Forest Hill. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. March 2023. 6:00 pm. Menu – A LA CARTE- BYO. Parking in Springvale Road, and Canterbury Road sideroad.

WEBSITE – Doug Westcott. Up to date. Overhead pictures on the monitor during each meeting.

WALKS – Ken Pakes. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Burwood – Wattle Park – Gardiners Creek. Melway 61 B4. 10:00 am. Bring chair and lunch.

GOLF – No Report.

TOURS – Ree Dowling. South Gippsland Tour, 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April. "Ship Inn" Yarram 5 days, 4 nights. Minimum 30 persons required.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, level 2, Forest Hill Chase, Fridays 3:00 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH – Waverley RSL – 18 members attending.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The President reminded members the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING would be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023, following the monthly meeting and morning tea.

Following morning tea, Carmel Martin from "Angel Flights" spoke to the members about the organization known as Angel Flights.

"Angel Flights" provide flights in small planes (maximum 4 seats) for patients requiring transport from distant locations to hospitals and return. They also transport patients to and from the airports to the hospitals. They are a voluntary organization of pilots and drivers. Carmel gave us a great insight into the charitable work they do and supported her talk with a video showing the small planes, voluntary pilots, voluntary drivers and some of the patients including young children using their services. It was a most interesting and "eye-opening" organization which operates entirely on the assistance of volunteers and without a structure of paid employees.

Following the completion of the presentation by Carmel, the President thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11:50 am.

President 01/03/2023